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REMOVAL ACTION FACT SHEET

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SECOND STREET SITE PERTH AMBOY, MIDDLESEX COUNTY, NEW JERSEY

REGION: II

ESTIMATED PROJECT COSTS: 1) \$ 24,900

INCIDENT CATEGORY: Illegal dumping of compressed gas cylinders.

START DATE: 1) 9/14/95

NPL: No

OSC: Ferriola

Agnihotri

COMPLETION DATE: 8/26/96

INCIDENT DESCRIPTION:

The Second Street Site (Site) is located at the dead end of Second Street and the Raritan River in Perth Amboy, Middlesex County, New Jersey. The two (2) acre site is listed as Block 11, Lot 1.01 and is primarily in the tidal zone of the Raritan River. The Site is an abandoned property which consists of an unknown quantity of compressed gas cylinders and drum carcasses. The Site is bordered to the North by the Goldberg & Sons scrap metal yard which contains items similar in nature as Second Street.

MATERIALS:

An unknown quantity of compressed gas cylinders and drum carcasses are strewn throughout the property and many are protruding from a deteriorating bulkhead wall bordering the Goldberg & Son lot. Eleven compressed gas cylinders have been identified as intact and capable of containing unknown pressurized gases. Military munitions casings and unidentifiable articles also were found scattered on the site.

THREATS:

The danger of explosion or unknown gaseous release from the compressed gas cylinders is possible due to the corrosive actions of the brackish water from the Raritan River to which these cylinders have been subjected.

ACTIONS:

On September 30, 1994 in the vicinity of this site, the Navy EOD removed munitions casings consisting of the rear half of an M3 spent Bazooka Rocket and a 500 pound bomb casing, both of which were determined to be inert, under an IAG.

An Action Memorandum requesting \$249,000 to mitigate the Site was approved on August 25, 1995 by the ERRD Director. The Removal Action was initiated on September 14, 1995. To date, ERCS has provided a survey of the subject property by a NJ Licensed professional land surveyor. The property of interest has been surveyed and key boundary locations marked accordingly. Survey maps have been prepared which identify the Site boundaries.

PRESENT STATUS:

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Assessment Phase: July- August 1996

Samples were collected from the beach areas adjacent to the Site bulkhead where the PRPs property ends. The beach areas belong to the New Jersey Transit Rail Road and the access agreement was received from them for sampling. On August 26, 1996, samples were taken to ascertain whether contaminants had migrated from the PRPs property. Sampling results indicate elevated levels of PCB's and lead on the site.

During the site reconnaissance, a 55 gallon drum, a gas cylinder and a canister were observed lying on the beach. Also, noted that the bulkhead had been excavated and that most of the cylinders had been removed. It appeared that the PRP conducted the cleanup of these cylinders and may have reconstructed the bulkhead. The ERRD Technical Support Section (TSS) issued information request letters (104e) to PRPs, to ascertain what was done with the cylinders, canisters, drums and any other waste encountered during the site activities. The PRP requested additional time to respond and an extension was granted. The Office of Regional Counsel (ORC) is currently awaiting the response.

The PRP has signed a Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) with the NJDEP for remediating the site. Based on this information the site is being cleaned up under a MOA between the property owner and the NJDEP. And therefore, no further action will be conducted.